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MACRAME WORKSHOP - Appomattox Homemakers (from left to right) Betty R. Grimm, Frances Dyess, Revella Austin and Ethel Evans, (seated) Mary C. Hudson completed macrame plant hangers.

LADIES WORKING diligently on plant hangers.

Appomattox Homemakers Participate in Macrame Workshop

A three-day macrame workshop was sponsored by the Appomattox County Extension Service.

The participants were Mrs. Betty R. Grimm, Mrs. Mary C. Hudson, Mrs. Ethel Evans, Mrs. Revella Austin and Mrs. Frances Dyess.

Each lady made a 3½ foot plant hanger. The knots used were the Lark's Head, Crown, Square, Half, and Alternating Square Knot.

These basic knots can be used to make other projects such as towel racks, pocket books, jewelry, hanging lamps, wall hangings, etc. The participants enjoyed tieing the different knots and plan to work on other projects.

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Vepco Property Tax Payments In State Estimated At $24,252,000

Virginia Electric and Power Company's local property tax payments in Virginia for this year are estimated at $24,252,000.

"Vepco pays these taxes, and they help localities, but the money comes from what customers pay us through monthly bills," said David Heavenridge, director of taxes. "This means that about 5 cents of each dollar our Virginia residential customers spent for electricity was used to pay local property taxes."

Total state and local tax payments for the year are estimated at $78,667,000. That includes about $50 million in gross receipts tax paid to the state and about $4 million paid to localities which impose license taxes.

Most of the local property tax payments were due today. In a few cities, final payments are not due until Dec. 31.

The Northern Virginia and Tidewater areas each accounted for about one-third the total local property taxes paid. Central Virginia, including Richmond, accounted for about one-fifth the taxes paid.

Prince William County had the largest tax bill for the year - $3,824,348 - and Vepco's final payment today was $1,880,719. Fairfax County presented the second largest bill - - $2,220,268, the final payment was $2,011,221.

Chesterfield County's tax bill of $2,083,090 was the third largest of the year. Vepco's final payment was $1,111,515.

Among cities, Richmond had the largest bill of $1,366,845, which was paid earlier this year. Norfolk's local tax bill, the second largest at $1,053,372, was paid with a final check for $339,260. Chesapeake's bill - - $989,655 - - was the third highest among cities, and the final payment was $536,458.

These six localities accounted for nearly half of Vepco's local property tax bills in Virginia.

Roenlists In Marine Corps

DEC. 5 - Marine Sergeant Major Benjamin Summers, Jr., whose wife, Hattie, is the daughter of Dorothy Turner of Route 4, Box 88, Appomattox, has reenlisted for two years while serving at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

He joined the Marine Corps in September 1953.

Health-Wise

Malaria Bites Back

Allan R. Magie, Ph.D., M.P.H.

Twenty years ago there were two diseases—smallpox and malaria—that medical and public health authorities thought could be beaten. One of them, smallpox, is probably vanquished. But the other, malaria, is on the upsurge to such an extent that, for instance, in India, 60 times as many people (over 6 million) were infected last year as 10 years ago. In Turkey it attacked over 100 times as many people in 1977 as it did in 1967. Worldwide, over 150 million victims fall prey to malaria each year.

What has caused this frightening resurgence? Many things are responsible, but primarily two account for the biggest share of the present situation. First, many of the exposed countries could not afford to maintain the mosquito eradication programs utilizing DDT that were introduced in the 1950's by the World Health organization. The second relates to a changed population of mosquitoes—in many areas they have developed resistance to the chemicals used to eradicate them and have even acquired immunity to chloroquine—the chemical used to prevent human infection and treat malaria victims.

Malaria is caused by a tiny parasite which enters the bloodstream through the bite of an infected female **Anopheles** mosquito. The parasites multiply rapidly in the liver and then invade the red blood cells, producing fever, chills, headache, and weakness. Most forms of the parasite produce a longterm chronic condition with repeated attacks occurring over many years. But infections of one species, **Plasmodium falciparum**, results from a single attack that is usually fatal in one out of every 10 victims. While chloroquine is the drug normally used both to prevent and treat the disease, residents in the infected areas of the world would have to take the medication continuously over their entire lifetimes.

New approaches to this "old" tropical disease must be taken. No longer can we rely on DDT alone to eradicate the adult mosquitoes which carry such deadly cargo. Mosquito breeding grounds must be eliminated, houses screened, new chemicals discovered to replace DDT in eradication programs and more effective drugs developed to treat and protect humans.

Unless action is taken soon, the results could be disastrous. In Africa, where one out of every four or five babies die of malaria within the first year of life, mosquito eradication is almost impossible. Yet, the antimalarial drugs which should be cheap (one tablet that would save an infant costs less than one United States cent to produce) are either unavailable to too expensive for most of the people.

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Jr. Woman's Club Donates To Rescue Squad

Mrs. Cathy Blackwell, Chairman of the Public Affairs Department of the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club, is shown presenting a $50.00 check to Mr. Anderson Scruggs, President of the Appomatox County Rescue Squad.

The Jr. Woman's Club is proud to support these dedicated citizens. All too often we fail to realize the importance of their job until we personally need it.

This donation was made possible from proceeds received from the raffle of a ham at the annual Junior Woman's Club Thanksgiving Dance.

Va. Fibre Reports Weekly Wood Purchases

Listed below is the total dollar volume of wood purchased by Virginia Fibre Corporation of Riverville for the week ending November 30, 1978. Purchases are listed by counties.

Albermarle	5,694.99
Amelia	579.69
Amherst	4,688.00
Appomattox	8,232.39
Augusta	368.76
Bedford County	1,389.92
Buckingham	26,045.22
Campbell	6,485.75
Charlotte	1,580.87
Cumberland	3,982.02
	7,600.05
Fluvanna	862.51
Franklin County	547.01
Goochland	1,059.38
Halifax	323.52
Louisa	295.60
Mecklenburg	259.36
Nelson	8,909.98
Pittsylvania	2,806.47
Powhatan	350.33
Prince Edward	4,998.21
Prince William	883.56
Rockbridge	526.89
Rockingham	582.36
Total	89,052.74

We feel this information is of interest to our readers in Appomattox County as well as in adjoining counties.

Vepco Completes Major Expansion At Pamplin

Vepco completed a major expansion of its Pamplin Substation on December 7, 1978. The station supplies the communities of Prospect, Pamplin, Madisonville, Evergreen, Appomattox and Concord.

D. C. Stables, Jr., Vepco District Manager in Farmville announced that the completed project had doubled the station capacity, from 20,000 kilowatts to 40,000 kilowatts. Cost of the expansion was approximately $60,000, excluding the cost of a large transformer moved from another location on Vepco's system. Had the transformer been purchased new, it would have added another $90,000 to the project cost.

Stables noted that the station expansion had been necessitated by rapid load growth in recent years, particularly in and aorund Appomattox. "New industries, businesses and homes account for much of the load increase", Stables aid, "but existing customers are also adding appliances and equipment each year. Vepco must be prepared to handle the growing needs of new and existing customers as they occur."

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Concord PTA To Meet Dec. 19

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The Executive Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m.

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